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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN RESOLUTION ON NFZ

REF: STATE 287412

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY INFORMATION THAT INDO-PAKISTANI CONSULTATIONS ON THE SOUTH ASIA NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE HAVE EVER ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE, WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THE GOI HAS SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIED ITS STAND FROM LAST YEAR ON THE PAKISTANI DRAFT. GOI POSITION WAS SUMMED UP EARLY IN THE YEAR AS FOLLOWS: "THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE REGION OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AND THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN MAKE THE SITUATION INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE CREATION OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN THE SUB-REGION OF SOUTH ASIA."

2. THE GOI POSITION REFLECTS WHAT WE BELIEVE IS ITS CONTINUING CONCERN THAT THE PRC IS CLEARLY EXCLUDED FROM THE PAKISTANI DRAFT, TO WIT THE REFERENCE TO "...OTHER NEIGHBORING NON-NUCLEAR STATES AS MAY BE INTERESTED..." GIVEN THAT EXCLUSION, WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO VISUALIZE ANYTHING BUT A GOI NEGATIVE VOTE.

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3. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE IF THE GOI WILL
SUBMIT AN ALTERNATIVE DRAFT AS IT DID LAST YEAR. MEA UN
DIRECTOR VERMA TOLD US NOVEMBER 23 THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY
MEHTA WOULD DEAL WITH THIS QUESTION IN NEW YORK. WE HAVE
NO INDICATION THAT IT HAS ENGAGED ANY HIGHER LEVEL OF
ATTENTION IN NEW DELHI.

4. AS WE EXAMINE THE PAKISTANI DRAFT WE NOTE THAT OUR
TWO KEY OBJECTIONS OF LAST YEAR (75 STATE 285836), LACK
OF AGREED REGIONAL CONSULTATION AND FAILURE TO PROHIBIT
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY FOR ANY
PURPOSE, STILL APPEAR TO APPLY. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT,
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD SEEM TO JUSTIFY ABSTENTION.
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